IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/659,490 Confirmation No.: 3452

Applicant : Robert B. DeVries Filed : September 10, 2003

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Examiner : Lang, Amy T

Title : Composite medical devices

Docket No. : 1001,1602101

Customer No. : 28075

AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR §1.116

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By John Lindman

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action of November 30.

2009. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.